

# AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA



Thursday March 22 2007

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### Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**ITEM No 17**

**Subject** Authorize award and execution of a contract with SQUARE D-SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC Houston TX for the supply and installation of redundant switchgear at the Robert Mueller Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$800 000

**Amount and Source of Funding** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006 2007 Capital Budget of Austin Energy

**Fiscal Note** A fiscal note is attached

#### Additional Backup Material

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Fiscal Note

**For More Information** Karen Williams Buyer II/322 6467

**Purchasing Language** Sole Source

**MBE/WBE** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2 9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) No subcontracting opportunities were identified therefore no goals were established for this solicitation

This contract is for the modification of the existing switchgear system for Austin Energy's (AE) Robert Mueller Energy Center as part of the Phase II Expansion. The power distribution equipment installation is necessary to provide a critical redundant power supply for delivering energy services to the Dell Children's Hospital.

This is a sole source procurement since Square D is the manufacturer of the original switchgear system and must perform the modification to avoid jeopardizing the warranty of the original equipment. Square D is also the only current provider of Transparent Ready which allows connection into AE's existing Ethernet network.